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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
COST OF LIVING COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

October 27, 1971

MEMORANDUM TO FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

Since the announcement of the President's Economic Stabilization Program in mid-August, you have generously provided the Cost of Living Council with highly effective personnel and staff assistance. You have, thereby, made a vital contribution to the success of the Phase I 90-day freeze -- a crucial stage of the President's program. On behalf of the Cost of Living Council, I want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude for your splendid cooperation.

On November 14, Phase II will begin. Many planning and transitional operations are presently underway. These activities are expected to continue for a limited period beyond the initiation of the post-freeze stage. It will be during this time that your continued cooperation and support will be vital to the economic well-being of the nation.

Accordingly, until the post-freeze program is established, I request that you continue to make available to the Council and the other Stabilization Agencies, including the Pay Board and Price Commission, the personnel and supporting staff services which you are presently providing. The experience and expertise acquired by each and every employee involved in Phase I will be essential inputs to the successful transition from Phase I to Phase II.

Although it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to predict the precise duration of the transition period, it seems reasonable to assume that Phase II will be substantially operational by December 1, 1971.

In view of the high quality of the staff and services you have been providing, your contribution to the President's program has not been without cost to your organization. However, I am confident that these sacrifices will be more than offset by the successful stabilization of the nation's economy.

  
Donald Rumsfeld  
Counsellor to the President

## ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

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1. Assistant to the Executive Director-Comptroller 7 E 12 HQ	4 Nov 4 No	/	Comments (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)  Ben:  Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Donald Rumsfeld, Counsellor to the President, requesting that all agencies continue to make available to the Cost of Living Council and related organizations the personnel which they are presently providing.  As you know, on 16 September 1971 we advised Colonel White that we had six Agency clericals on detail to the Office of Emergency Preparedness to assist in this work. Colonel White, on 22 September, advised Mr. Fisher to be sure that we got these people back at the end of the 90-day freeze. Mr. Rumsfeld's memorandum puts a different light on the whole situation and I would recommend that we continue our support to this organization.  In paragraph 3 of his memorandum, Mr. Rumsfeld makes mention of experience and expertise acquired by each and every employee in Phase I. This, perhaps, may be a little overstated as we understand from our girls that the routine clerical work is readily grasped. I might point out now that we have had to have a complete turnover in the personnel we have detailed to OEP since 15 August. Frankly, the girls are not very happy with this assignment and it is difficult to make them stay much longer than four or five weeks.	
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I would suggest that we continue to furnish a total of six clericals but continue, as we have in the past, to move them in and out as the need occurs in order to prevent serious morale problems which might have an adverse effect on their work. Further, you will note in paragraph 4 that 1 December is not a firm date; therefore, I suggest that Mr. Colby approve in principle the detail, if OEP believes necessary, until the middle of December. STATINTL

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Acting Director of Personnel

To: Director of Personnel

Harry:

In conveying our position to the Council, please ensure that they understand we are effecting personnel reductions in response to the President's directive and will require the release of these clericals no later than 1 December.

Bob K.

Pls pass this word - I  
believe it is a little tough -  
if they plead for 15 Dec - tell  
them you will try to obtain  
approval - and I will discuss  
again with Ex Dir -

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